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1. During May 1954, several private firms detached craftsmen to Werneuchen airfield. The employer at the field was Bauunion Sued. The quartering buildings at the field which had previously housed 6 to 8 EM per room were converted into one-room apartments for Soviet soldiers and their dependents. Some of the apartments have already been occupied by Soviet dependents. The number of Soviet families continually increased after 15 May. Some of the Soviet women and children were well dressed and spoke German rather fluently. In addition to air-force soldiers, individual personnel wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed. 25X1
2. Since late May, intensive air activity by twin-jet aircraft at Werneuchen airfield has been observed from Strausberg. On 2 June, 35 twin-jet aircraft were counted and an additional 5 to 10 aircraft were estimated at the field. The barracks installations were apparently occupied. Ten large tents which were also occupied by air-force soldiers were observed at the edge of the field. A number of boxcars were seen on the spur track. Crated bombs were unloaded from some cars and subsequently transported to the bomb dump. 25X1
3. Between 2 and 13 June, there was air activity by Il-28s without auxiliary fuel tanks at the field. During daytime on 3 and 4 June, there was intensive local air activity at altitudes from 500 to 600 meters, while, on the following days, less flights were observed. On 7 June, night flying was practiced by Il-28s and U-Il-28s with 2 or 3 aircraft being aloft continuously. All of the aircraft had their position lights on, but did not use take-off or landing lights. West of the hangars was the only searchlight seen and it made full rotations at an elevation of approximately 65 degrees. The same night flying activity was observed on 8 June about 50 Il-28s and U-Il-28s at the field.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
4. Between 2 and 13 June, 6 x 76.2-mm AA guns were still observed in the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern section of the field. Many EM were seen moving between the emplacement and the nearby earth bunkers. The other two AA gun emplacements could not be observed.<sup>2</sup> On 10 June, an AA shipment left Werneuchen for Neutukow. The shipment consisted of 5 converted

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boxcars carrying personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 boxcars and 10 flatcars loaded with 37-mm AA guns and 7 trucks [redacted]

[redacted] A Soviet AA major who phoned to Neukow because of the shipment said that he was Major Zamurai (phonetic spelling).

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5. Beginning on 6 June, Senior Lieutenant Viktor (pnu, lnu) repeatedly arrived at the railroad station to inquire for expected fuel shipments. On his request, phone calls were made with Velten, Boehlen, and Ruhland railroad stations and with Schwarzhede Works. The officer did not know from which railroad station the fuel shipments were expected. Senior Lieutenant Viktor had formerly been responsible for the fuel supply when the field was earlier occupied by Il-28s. On 10 June, 1 railroad tank car with 17.65 tons from Velten arrived for Unit Shernikov. On 12 June, 14 railroad tank cars with 528.27 tons arrived in Werneuchen for the same unit coming from Boehlen.
  6. On 7 June, 4 boxcars with 40 tons of foodstuff arrived in Werneuchen coming from Jueterbog-Altes Lager. Consignee and dispatcher was the Soviet Army.<sup>4</sup>
  7. The previously reported 2 small AA guns which arrived in Werneuchen on 2 June were fitted on two-axle carriages and had the same length as the carriage of the 37-mm AA gun and single pneumatic tires. The gun barrel was about 1.7 meters above the ground and the gun shield was similar to the one on 25-mm AA guns. Barrel, gun shield, and pivot were covered by tarpaulins. The cover over the barrel was approximately 30 cm square. From this it was inferred that the gun was a four-barreled AA gun.<sup>2</sup>
  8. During the late afternoon on 2 June, twin-jet aircraft with extended landing gears and nose wheels were observed over Bernau. The aircraft were apparently connected with Werneuchen airfield.<sup>1</sup>
1. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that two bomber regiments with about 50 Il-28s are stationed at Werneuchen airfield.
  2. [redacted] Comment. AA protection at the field include 1 battery of 76.2-mm, or 85-mm AA guns, 1 battery of 37-mm AA guns, and some guns of smaller caliber.
  3. [redacted] Comment. An AA shipment [redacted] of the transport control headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army which left Werneuchen airfield for firing exercises with live ammunition. Major Zamurai is reported for the first time.
  4. [redacted] Comment. Officer Viktor has not been reported so far. Unit Shernikov (sp, ?) previously received fuel supplies [redacted]

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